

Where is the Plano Community Garden?

The Plano Community Garden is located at **4030-B W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093**. The nearest intersection is West Plano Parkway and Commerce. The garden is behind the City of Plano's Animal Shelter and at the foot of the North Texas Municipal Water District's regional landfill transfer station. (See map on the back side of this document.)

Where do I park when I come to volunteer?

Parking is limited at the garden and in the surrounding area so we highly recommend carpooling. The grassy area around the circle at the end of the gravel road that runs through the garden can accommodate 8 – 10 cars. You may also park in of the designated areas on the map (see back of this document) and walk to the garden. **Please do not park in any of these areas:**

- On the turnaround at the end of the garden road as it prevents others from exiting
- Along the interior road of the garden as it compacts our soil
- Along the service road outside of the garden as it impedes the safe movement of the waste removal trucks that are headquartered in the adjoining property

What should I wear as a volunteer in the garden?

For safety, **all volunteers must wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Volunteers who are not appropriately attired will not be permitted to participate.** In addition, we strongly recommend dressing for the weather:

- Loose, comfortable clothing in layers
- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent (summer only)
- Reusable water bottles or cups (Ice and water for refills are always available.)
- **IMPORTANT:** Please secure your valuables (backpacks, phones, etc.) in your vehicle

What will I be doing as a volunteer in the garden?

Tasks vary each month but we always need help with weeding, mulching, pruning and turning the compost piles. Since no gardening experience is necessary, even non-gardeners can join in the fun.

Do I need to bring any equipment with me?

We provide adult gardening gloves and tools but volunteers may bring their own. Groups are welcome to bring along coolers and a picnic lunch or snacks to enjoy during the workday or after it is finished.

Will I be able to tour the garden?

At the conclusion of the workday, we offer an optional tour of the Plano Community Garden. The tour takes about 30 minutes.



How does my volunteering make a difference?

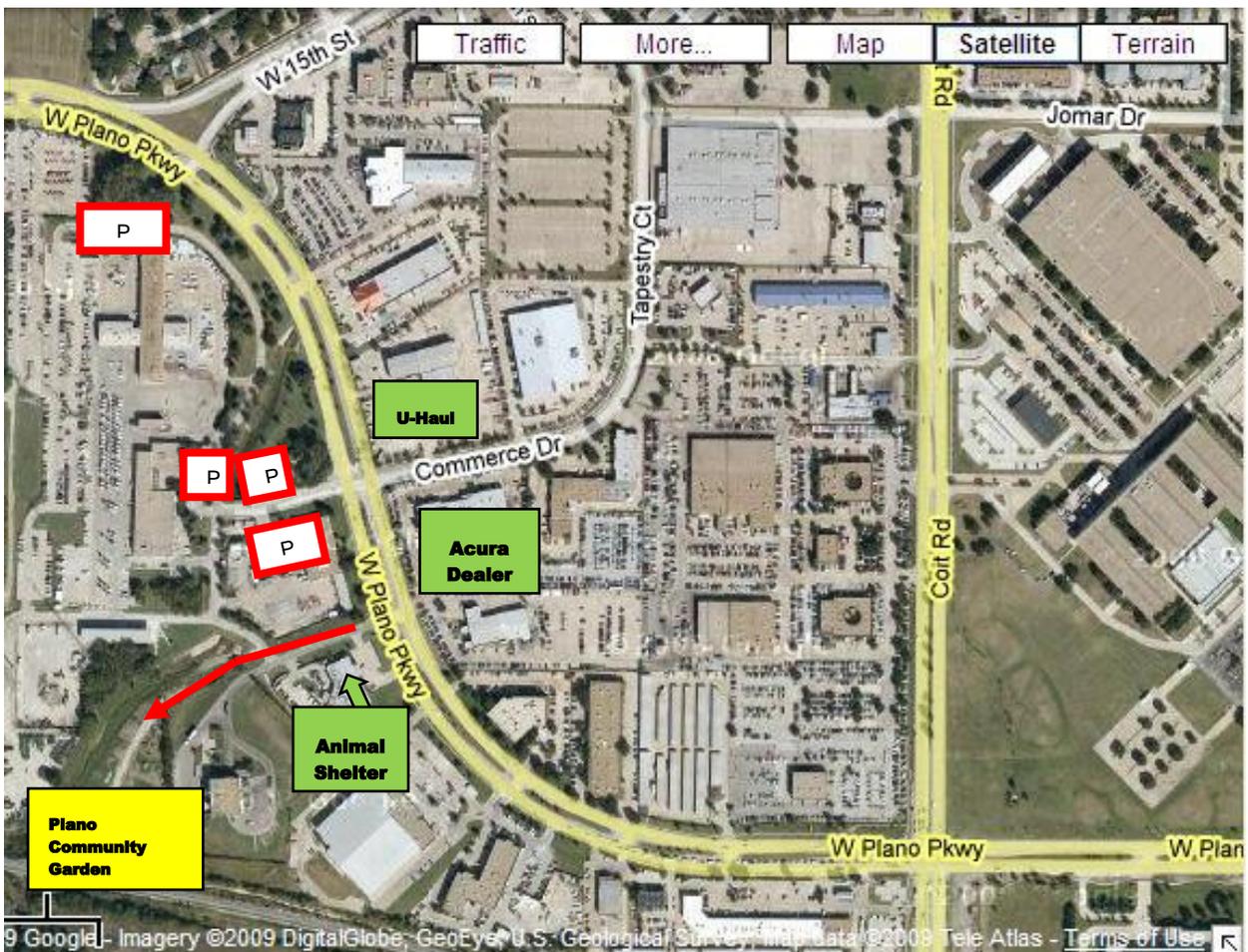
The Plano Community Garden was formed in 2005 as a partnership between the City of Plano, the Junior League of Collin County and the Volunteers in Plano. Its success is a direct result of the many volunteer hours contributed annually by the Plano Community Gardeners with sustained support from the Live Green in Plano volunteers, members of the Volunteers in Plano corps, civic and corporate groups as well as generous adults and teens who enjoy gardening and serving their community.

Who does the Plano Community Garden benefit?

The Plano Community Gardeners contribute 50% or more of the produce raised to local food pantries. Our current partners are [Seven Loaves](#) (sponsored by St. Andrew's United Methodist Church), [Minnie's Food Pantry](#), and the [Plano Food Pantry](#) (sponsored by the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church). During the summer, the gardeners also provide weekly food boxes to Plano ISD's Summer Feeding program as a way to introduce fresh food and herbs to their clients.

How can I become more involved in the project?

For more information, please contact the Plano Community Garden coordinator at EECO@plano.gov or 972-769-4228.



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